Sectors	Weights	Rate of Growth (Apr-July)	
		1995-96	1996-97
Mining	11.464	15.4	1.8
Manufacturing	77.107	11.9	11.7
Electricity	11.429	12.5	2.5
Overall	100.00	12.3	9.3

The deceleration in the industrial growth is confined to a few sectors particularly the Crude Petroleum, Fertilizer and Power Generation. Sector specific strategies have been initiated to remove constraints in underperforming sectors. Adequate credit with softened interest rates assured to industries through the recently announced busy season credit policy are providing further impetus to growth.

There is no evidence to suggest that employment in the organised industrial sector has shown any comparable decline in the current year.

New Licences to sugar mills in Karnataka and Maharashtra

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SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanction of new 20 licences to sugar mills in Karnataka and 16 in Maharashtra have been issued during June to October, 1996;

(b) if so, details thereof with the names of sugar mills, State-wise;

(c) whether such licences have been issued flouting the conditions of a minimum distance of 25 kms. between sugar mills as well as the notion of regional balance;

(d) if so, details thereof with the names of such sugar mills, State-wise;

(e) whether sanction of new licences flouting the conditions has been done when the whole issue of delicensing the sugar industry is under consideration of Government; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) During June to October, 1996, 12 Letters of Intent in the State of Karnataka & 7 in the State of Maharashtra have been issued for establishment of new sugar factories. The details are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) to (f) The guidelines permit a minimum distance criteria of upto 15 km. depending upon the availability of cane in a particular area. The guidelines have not been flouted.

Statement

Details of letters of intent issued for establishment of new Sugar Factories in the states of Karnataka and Maharashtra during June to October, 1996

Sl. No.	Name of the party holding letter of intent	Location	Date of grant of letter of intent
	KARNATAKA		
1.	Sh. K. Chandra Prakash	Harur, Tal. Gubbi Distt. Tumkur	28.6.96
2.	M/s. Shamnar Sugars Ltd.	Duggavathi Tal. Harapanhalli Distt. Bellary	28.6.96
3.	M/s. Siraguppi Sugar Works	Aigali Tal. Athani Distt. Belgaum	3.7.96

Sl. No.	Name of the party holding letter of intent	Location	Date of grant of letter of intent
4.	M/s Athani Farmers Sugar Factory Ltd.	Jamgi Tal. Athni Distt. Belgaum	3.7.96
5.	M/s. Shiv Shakti Sugars Ltd.	Savadathi Tal. Raibag, Distt. Belgaum	3.7.96
6.	M/s. Vishwanath Sugars Ltd.	Belladabagewadi Tal. Hukeri, Distt. Belgaum	25.7.96
7.	M/s. Manali Sugars Ltd.	Yalgur, Tal. Muddebihal, Distt. Bijapur	3.7.96
8.	M/s. Indian Cane Power Ltd.	Kolhar, Tal. Basavan Bagewadi, Distt. Bijapur	3.7.96
9.	M/s. Chamundeshwari Sugars Ltd.	Gangur, Deddabyagathawalli Tal. Holenarsipura, Distt. Hassan	31.7.96
10.	M/s. Nargund SSK Niyamit	Konnur, Tal. Nargund Distt. Dharwad	8.8.96
11.	M/s. Malnad Sugar Co. Ltd.	Arasanaghatta, Tal. Bhadravati, Distt. Shimoga	28.8.96
12.	M/s. SPR Sugars (P) Ltd.	Kanchugeranahalli Bidadi Hubli, Tal. Ramanagar, Distt. Bangalore.	27.9.96
	MAHARASHTRA		
1.	M/s. Rayak SSK Maryadit	Shewalewadi Tal. Karad, Distt. Satara	25.7.96
2.	M/s. Pratapgad SSK Ltd.	Kalghar, Tal. Jawali, Distt. Satara	25.7.96
3.	M/s. Sharad SSK Ltd.	Narande, Tal. Hatkanangale, Distt. Kolhapur	25.7.96
4.	M/s. Kagal Taluka SSK Ltd.	Kagal (Arjuni), Tal. Kagal, Distt. Kolhapur	31.7.96
5.	M/s. Barashiv Hanuman SSK Ltd.	Jawalabazar, Tal. Basmathnagar, Distt. Parbhani	25.7.96
6.	M/s. Vaidyanath SSK Ltd.	Pangari, Tal. Ambajogai, Distt. Beed	31.7.96
7.	M/s. Ahilyadevi Mahila SSK Ltd.	Halgaon, Tal. Jamkhed, Distt. Ahmednagar.	15.10.96